

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1396

Introduced by Assembly Member Garcia

February 22, 2005

An act relating to the Healthy Families Program, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1396, as introduced, Garcia. Healthy Families and Medi-Cal programs: outreach assistance.

Existing law creates the Healthy Families Program, which provides health care coverage to children in families with limited incomes but who are ineligible for full coverage under the Medi-Cal program. Existing law creates the Medi-Cal program, which provides health care coverage to persons meeting certain limited income criteria.

This bill would appropriate \$1,298,000 from the General Fund and \$1,824,000 from federal funds from the Federal Trust Fund to the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board in order to restore an application assistance program for the Healthy Families and Medi-Cal programs.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to restore
- 2 application assistance for the Healthy Families and Medi-Cal

1 programs beginning April 1, 2005, and to provide the Managed
2 Risk Medical Insurance Board with the resources to reestablish
3 an application assistance program.

4 SEC. 2. In order to reestablish application assistance
5 payments pursuant to Section 12693.32 of the Insurance Code
6 beginning April 1, 2005, the sum of one million two hundred
7 ninety-eight thousand dollars (\$1,298,000) is hereby appropriated
8 from the General Fund as the nonfederal matching funds
9 requirement for federal financial participation through the State
10 Children's Health Insurance Program (Subchapter 21
11 (commencing with Section 1397aa) of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of
12 the United States Code) and the Medicaid Program (Subchapter
13 19 (commencing with Section 1396) of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of
14 the United States Code), and the sum of one million eight
15 hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$1,824,000) is hereby
16 appropriated from the Federal Trust Fund as the federal match.

17 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
18 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
19 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
20 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

21 In order to avoid significant risk to the health and well-being of
22 uninsured children who are otherwise eligible for coverage under
23 the Healthy Families and Medi-Cal programs as quickly as
24 possible, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.